



Do you qualify for a window film tax credit?

2009/2010 Residential Window Film Tax Credit

General Information:

The federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allows consumers to apply for tax credits based on energy-efficient improvements made to their homes between **January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010**. This extends to qualifying residential window film installations. The credit has also been increased from 10% (maximum \$500) to 30% (maximum \$1500). The credit applies to the cost of the film only and does not include installation expenses. Consumers who have purchased certain types of **SUN-GARD® and GLASS-GARD®** window films may now apply for a tax credit.

Who Qualifies:

If you have purchased window film after January 1, 2009 for application to your main residence, you may qualify for the tax credit on your 2009 tax return. If you purchase window film after January 1, 2010, you may qualify for the tax credit on your 2010 tax return. This tax credit is not applicable to commercial property. The credit directly reduces your taxable income, thus either increasing your tax refund or reducing the tax you owe.

A maximum lifetime cumulative credit of \$1500 per taxpayer applies to all qualified home improvements completed in 2009 through 2010. For a list of ALL qualified improvements, visit www.energystar.gov.

Which SUN-GARD and GLASS-GARD Films Qualify:

The federal government has developed standards to determine which window films qualify in each climate zone. Based on these standards, each manufacturer must provide a Manufacturer's Certification Statement that lists all qualifying films. Visit our website at www.solamatrix.com to obtain the **Solamatrix Manufacturer's Certification Statement**, which provides a list of films that qualify in your climate zone.

Please print this document for your records. It is not necessary to submit this file with your tax return but it is important that you keep a copy on file.

Tax Credit Benefit:

Homeowners can receive a credit equal to 30% of the cost of the window film up to \$1500. Installation labor charges are not eligible. Please refer to your invoice for an appropriate breakdown of charges. If your invoice does not clearly define product and labor charges, please contact your installing dealer for clarification.

How to Apply:

A homeowner can apply for the tax credit by completing the IRS form 5695 and file their 2009 or 2010 tax return by April 15 of the following year. The homeowner must also have a copy of the dealer invoice and the manufacturer's certification statement on file. IRS form 5695 and other forms are downloadable at www.energystar.gov. This site also contains a list of other qualifying home improvement products.



Additional Savings:

Not only can SUN-GARD and GLASS-GARD window films lower your tax bill, but they can also reduce your energy bill. In the summer months, heat entering a home through glass doors and windows can increase your energy bill by 40%. Window film has been proven to reduce heat gain in a home by up to 78% - thus reducing the load put on an AC unit to keep a home cool. The less your AC unit has to run, the more you save on your energy bill each month.

Other Window Film Benefits:

- Window films reflect up to 78% of the sun's heat, allowing you to more effectively control the temperature throughout your home.
- Window films are available in a wide variety of shades and styles to suit any architectural requirement and can greatly improve and enhance the appearance of your home.
- Window film impedes the damaging effects of the sun by reducing UV radiation and controlling excessive heat and light.
- Window films can help hold a broken piece of glass together, thus reducing the risk for glass related injuries.

How to Purchase Film:

You can purchase professionally installed film for your home from your local SUN-GARD or GLASS-GARD dealer. To find a dealer near you, please contact us at 1-888-887-2022.

Learn more about our full line of residential films at www.solamatrix.com.

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